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- 25X1X 1. At present there are no regular Yugoslav Army troops stationed within 30 to 40 kilometers of the Bulgarian border in the area south of Gorna Dzhumaya in Bulgaria, [REDACTED]. The border proper is patrolled by border guards only. These are now exclusively Serbs, all Croats, Macedonians, and Slovenes having been withdrawn.
- 25X1X 2. At present the unit strength in the area is as follows:
- a. Vladimirovo - One infantry regiment which was previously stationed at Shiroki Dol.
 - b. Dvorishte - One border battalion.
 - c. Pehcevo - One border company.
 - d. Pancarevo - Approximately 60 border guards.
 - e. Golek - Approximately two regiments encamped around the mountain.
 - f. Suha Laki (sic) - One infantry battalion.
3. Trenches with gun emplacements were observed extending south from Pancarevo to the Greek-Bulgarian-Yugoslav border.
4. Almost daily border clashes are reported to occur where the border guards are only ten meters (sic) from the frontier.
5. Source also reports that in the spring of 1951 Yugoslav government-directed "over-border" activities into the Struma Valley were increased.
6. In the Vardar area of Macedonia, economic conditions are reported to be worse than in any time in the memory of its present inhabitants. Malnutrition and lack of clothing are evident.
7. However, despite the poor economic conditions, source reports that the morale of the Yugoslav population in this border area seems to be higher

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than that of the Bulgarian inhabitants. The Yugoslavs appear almost eager for a fight against Stalin, believing that war will remove the Tito regime and bring United States troops and food into the area.

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